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## Upcoming Events

To submit an event, email details to [lionsnewsletter11a2@gmail.com](mailto:lionsnewsletter11a2@gmail.com). The deadline is the 10th of each month. See Lion Frank's emails for details. Thank you  
Lion Kathy Gladd - Newsletter Editor



## October 2025

- 4-5 Bear Lake Ultra Marathon
- 5 T1D Breakthrough Walk
- 10 Lions Leadership Institute registration deadline
- **13 Cabinet Meeting RC Lion Bill Stevens**
- 17 Penrickton Dinner Dearborn Inn
- 18 Sterling Heights Lions Meat Raffle
- 21 Fraser Lions "Tea and Strumpets"
- Selfridge Chesterfield Lions Community Health Fair
- 26 DG Lion Rhonda Furby Appreciation Dinner



## November 2025

- 7-9 Lions Leadership Institute
- 7 Shelby Lions Holiday Wine Tasting
- **10 Region 2 Meeting, Clawson**
- **13 Region 1 Meeting, Beverly Hills**
- 15 Sterling Heights Lions Mom to Mom sale
- **19 Region 3 Meeting, St Clair Shores**



## District Convention Location Change

**From Lion Dick Maxwell:** For the first time to my knowledge the location of our Lions District Convention has changed. Due to operational difficulties during the hotel renovations at the Saginaw Four Pointes by Marriott they lost their food and beverage service. As a result of this, **we have had to relocate the March 2026 District Convention to the Grand Rapids Airport Doubletree by Hilton.** The convention will keep the same dates March 20 to 22, 2026. The room rates will be \$105.00 a night. More details will be announced at the upcoming Cabinet and Region Meeting.

## GOVERNOR'S GREETING

You are **AWESOME!**

Hello fellow Lions! Our first round of Regional meetings is in the book! We had an Awesome first round that included the Region II meeting hosted by ZC Bob Bartlett Jr. and the Roseville Lions on September 24 that saw 100% participation of clubs reporting at the meeting. Congratulations to ZC Bob Bartlett Jr, ZC Bob Westbury and RC Bill Stevens for the perfect score on reporting.

Speaking about reporting, it has been brought to my attention that, to date, only 37% of our clubs have reported a service project. Reporting service projects must be done through the portal and I have learned it is not as simple as just a couple of clicks away. It does take a bit of time to figure out how to do it and I have received an email from the State GST on the procedure along with highlighted slides to help identify the right buttons to push. I will send a copy to the presidents and secretaries of each club. If your club does not have an officer that has email, this cannot be shared with your club so, you can see why it is important that all clubs keep up with modern technology.

Speaking about technology, our October Cabinet meeting which will be held on Oct 13 at Shield's Restaurant 1476 W. Maple Rd Troy will be focusing on how we approach marketing our clubs as well as the secret ingredient that might be the answer to ending our 40+ year decline in membership. This meeting will hopefully identify the "seeds" your club needs to plant for success.

Speaking about success, it was wonderful to hear about all the projects that have both taken place and are in the planning stages. Lions are incredibly creative and efficient at raising funds. Our next step to success would be to polish a marketing campaign that will raise awareness of our charities and efforts to fund them.

Please do not forget to sign up if you will be attending the Cabinet meeting as the head count is important to accommodate all. Failure to give advanced notice of attendance will cause issues for walk ins.

Last, but certainly not least, the date and location of IPDG Rhonda's appreciation dinner has been set. It will be on Oct 26 at the Frasier Lions Club. Cost is \$30.00 and doors open at 1. Please put this on your calendar and let's have an AWESOME turnout to thank Gov Rhonda for her outstanding work last year under very difficult circumstances. (I know she made it look easy but trust me, it was no walk in the park)

**Looking forward to our next meeting where we will continue to plant seeds for success!**

Mark Scicluna DG

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### 1st VDG KIMBERLY'S NOTES

What a GREAT opportunity we have been given to be a Lion. Why is that? We were asked! Let's just think for a minute, if every Lion we have asked one we would be bigger, and if they asked two we would be bigger than that. I know that Membership is talked about a lot but I just want to say this. There was a point in your life that someone approached you, or you inquired about being a Lion. You said yes for a reason. Share that reason! Talk to others about what you love with this Organization, what it gives you the opportunity to do, and the gifts it affords you to present to those less fortunate and in need.

Someone or something pulled on your heart strings, just pull on one other and we will continue to be the largest, and BEST, service organization in the world. I say, there was a day you joined Lions and there was a time you BECAME a Lion, meaning something touched your heart, pulled your strings, and you said A-HA. Share that!

Just tonight we concluded this round of Region Meetings. What great things are happening in the District! Each and every one of you make me so proud to be a member of this family! I would like to thank each Club that hosted this round. Appreciate all of you.

With the great things that were reported, please remember to report your Service Projects to International. We need to make sure that all of our efforts are realized in the growing number of people that WE SERVE. No effort is too small, all efforts should be recognized. By you reporting them they are! If you need help with this please contact me and we will make it work.

I would like to remind all that send their information to PCC Frank for distribution to the masses, please send it to him in a .pdf format. We have more and more people accessing the information from a device that is not a computer. Folks cannot open many file types on phones, tablets or whatever. Please make it easy for folks to access your information by sharing it in a format that is accessible to all. If you need guidance in how to save as a .pdf, please contact me.

If there is anything that I can help you with, answer your questions, help you over a tough spot, or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me. As your 1VDG I am here for you, to serve you and make you successful.

I appreciate what each and every one of you do. Let's continue this journey together to make it even better.

Yours in Service,  
1VDG Kimberly

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### Club Activities



Clawson Lions agreed to tackle a project at the Clawson Parks and Recreation Community Center.

The Youth soccer field had bleachers that became unsafe from loose boards and full of split wood.

We funded all the materials and labor for this project.

#### 4th Annual Tom Klingensmith Golf Tournament

This was our 4th year honoring Tom with a memorial golf outing at Timberwood Golf Course in Ray Mi. It was a beautiful day with weather in the upper seventies. Many of the golfers have been at every golf event since the beginning. We had a mixture of men and women, with the woman kicking the men's butt. We had longest drive for the men and women as well as closest to the pin.

We also had a Vegas hole where the golfers could place a wager to hit within ten feet of the flag. If so they would get double their wager back. Only two golfers were able to do it.

After golf we had a wonderful dinner and a very nice raffle to end the night.



#### Mrs Roper Casino Romp

The Sterling Heights Lions 1st Mrs. Roper Romp Casino Bus Trip was a huge success. We celebrated what would have been Helen's 107th Birthday with several Helen's, Stanley's, and even a Chrissy. We enjoyed Mimosas, Jello Shots, Cookies, Cupcakes, and Lots of Trivia on the bus. I can't wait until the next trip. Lion Lynn Karnes

**Team:** Lions Clubs District 11-A2

**Thank you for your support, and we'll see you on Walk day!**

# Breakthrough T1D Walk™ - Metro Detroit 2025

## Event Overview

Attention all Lions Clubs! The Breakthrough T1D Walk, formerly known as the JDRF One Walk®, invites you to join our team in Detroit, MI. This special event brings together our community to support type 1 diabetes research and celebrate those living with T1D.

## Date and Time

- Event Date: October 5, 2025
- Registration: 8:30 AM
- Walk Start: 9:30 AM
- Walk Length: 2.0 Miles

## Location

- Belle Isle
- 1 Casino Way
- Detroit, MI 48224

## Contact Information

- Roger Blackwell
- Email: [rblackwel@comcast.net](mailto:rblackwel@comcast.net)
- Phone: (810) 923-2954

## Join Us

Please join the Lions Clubs District 11-A2 team for this inspiring event in Metro Detroit 2025. Invite your family, friends, and colleagues—everyone is welcome. By participating, you help raise essential funds and drive progress toward breakthroughs in type 1 diabetes care.

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### Leader Dog Kickoff Dinner



For more than 85 years, Lions and Leader Dogs for the Blind have shared a powerful partnership – transforming over 17,000 lives through our guide dog, orientation and mobility, and teen summer camp programs, all provided at no cost to people who are blind or low vision.

Be part of the celebration at Kick-Off 2025! This special evening brings together the Lions of Districts 11-A1, 11-A2, and A-1 to honor the incredible impact you continue to make in your communities and beyond.

Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025

Location: Somerset Inn, 2601 West Big Beaver Rd, Troy, MI

#### Event Highlights:

- 6:00 p.m. – Doors open, Cash Bar, Gift Shop & Blindfold Walk Experience
- 7:00 p.m. – Dinner
- 8:00 p.m. – Parade of Checks & Program

#### Registration deadline: November 21, 2025

- Registration is online only this year. Be sure to complete your registration early to secure your spot as seating is limited to the first 300 people.
- Tickets are \$40 per person or \$280 per table of 8

Remember this event is exclusively for Lions of 11-A1, 11-A2, and A-1. We can't wait to come together, celebrate the work you do as Lions, and kick off another year working side by side to serve!

If you have questions, please contact: [LionsSupport@LeaderDog.org](mailto:LionsSupport@LeaderDog.org)



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### The Power of Giving: Michigan Lions Supporting LCIF

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is our global engine for service. Every dollar entrusted to LCIF becomes a grant that transforms lives—whether it's disaster relief, childhood cancer research, vision care, diabetes support, hunger initiatives, youth development, or environmental projects.

But the real power comes when we, as Lions, give consistently. Imagine the impact if every Lion in Michigan committed to just \$20 a month. That's less than a dinner out—but together, it could provide lifesaving resources across the world and right here at home.

#### Monthly Giving: Small Steps, Big Results

- \$20 a month = \$240 a year from one Lion.
- When multiplied by dozens of members across a club, that steady support becomes a lifeline for people in need.
- Automatic monthly donations are simple to set up and ensure LCIF can plan for sustainable, long-term projects.

#### Statewide Commitment:

Every Club Counts We are asking every club in Michigan to commit to at least one monthly donor. If every club in our state participated at even the minimum level, we could raise tens of thousands of dollars each year to empower LCIF's mission.

#### The Michigan LCIF Pin:

Wear Your Pride This year, Michigan Lions are also uniting behind our LCIF Pin. The sale of this pin alone has the potential to generate over \$8,000 in donations. It's not just a symbol of pride—it's a badge of impact. When you wear it, you're showing your personal commitment to serving through LCIF.

#### Why It Matters:

LCIF grants have already touched lives in Michigan—funding projects in vision screening, disaster relief, and youth programs. But to continue this level of support, we need every Lion to take part.

Together, monthly donations, club-wide commitments, and the sale of our Michigan LCIF pin can turn compassion into lasting change.

Will you join us in making a difference today?



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### **UPDATED DONATION INFORMATION**

**CORRECTION**

**Lions of MI All State Band** donations should be sent to:

Lion Wendy Burns  
Lions of Michigan State Office  
5730 Executive Drive  
Lansing, MI 48911

**Bear Lake Camp** donations should be sent directly to:

Lions Bear Lake Camp  
Lion Traci Tribbley  
3409 North Five Lakes Rd  
Lapeer, MI 48446

**JDRF is now Breakthrough T1D**

Metro Detroit & Southeast MI Chapter  
24359 Northwestern Hwy; Suite 150  
Southfield, MI 48075



### **September New Members**



#### **Club**

Richmond  
St Clair Shores  
Sterling Heights  
Sterling Heights  
Utica  
Utica

#### **Sponsor**

Dennis Bolen  
Amy Farr  
Dawn DeClark  
Rosetta Karnes  
Margaret Peters  
Margaret Peters

#### **New Member**

Nicholas Belzyt  
John Fennessey  
Reggie Alvarado  
Kim Pennefather  
Julie Schaible  
Kenneth Schaible

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